

# Truck and Bus Regulation<sup>1</sup>

## Low-Mileage Work Truck Option

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This summary describes the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option of the Truck and Bus regulation as it applies to heavier vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 26,000 pounds. This document reflects amendments that were approved at the Air Resources Board (ARB) meeting on April 25, 2014. This option will be available for lighter vehicles on January 1, 2015, and will be updated in the near future.

### What is the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option?

This option allows owners that meet minimum PM filter requirements each year, from 2014 to 2018, to defer compliance for the work trucks in the fleet that travel less than 20,000 miles per year. Owners can designate which vehicles will use the extension at the beginning of every year or within 30 days of purchasing a vehicle. All work trucks will need to comply with the replacement requirements of the engine model year schedule starting January 1, 2020.

### What trucks can use the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option?

After the PM filter requirements have been met, work trucks that can use the option must have been in the fleet on January 1, 2012 or must have a 1996 or newer engine. The trucks must meet one of the following definitions:

- Is owned by a company that has a valid California Contractors License and is not-for hire, or
- Is a tractor trailer combination that exclusively pulls a dump or low-boy trailer, or
- Is a truck with an attached body except if it tows a trailer and hauls goods

### What is the compliance schedule for low-mileage work trucks?

Each year, before the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option can be used for any truck, the entire fleet of heavier vehicles must meet the minimum PM filter requirements shown in the table below. All heavier vehicles except those that are using the low-use exemption must be counted to determine how many filters are needed. For example, a fleet with 10 trucks must have at least 3 PM filters to use the option in 2014 ( $10 \text{ trucks} \times 33\% = 3.3$  and rounds down to 3). Any vehicle that has a PM filter on it already will count toward the PM filter requirement of the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option even if it is not a work truck.

Compliance Date	PM Filters Required*
January 1, 2014	33%
January 1, 2015	40%
January 1, 2016	60%
January 1, 2017	80%
January 1, 2018	100%

\*Excludes low use and funded vehicles

After the owner has demonstrated compliance with the PM filter requirements, the remaining trucks can be designated as low-mileage work trucks and will be exempt from the general clean-up requirements. Starting January 1, 2020, all low-mileage work trucks must comply with the engine model year schedule like other trucks.

### How do I comply if only 5 out of 10 trucks can use the work truck option?

Like the prior example, a fleet with 10 trucks must have at least 3 PM filters to use the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option in 2014. Any vehicle that has a PM filter on it already will count toward the PM filter requirement of the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option even if it is not a work truck. If the fleet in this example has 3 PM filters, then the fleet owner can claim the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option for the 5 eligible work trucks. The remaining 2 trucks that cannot use the Low-Mileage Work Truck option must comply with the general requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> The regulation does not apply to state and local government vehicles, solid waste collection trucks, drayage trucks that transport marine cargo, and public transit buses because they are already subject to other regulations.

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**I have one truck and it qualifies as a low-mileage work truck, when do I need a PM filter?**

If you own one truck you must report like other fleets to claim the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option, and can delay the PM filter requirement until January 1, 2016.

**How do I claim the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option?**

Each January you can report which trucks will use the option for the compliance year. You need to report information about all of the heavier vehicles in your fleet that enter California during the year and the January 1 odometer reading from the beginning of the year for your low-mileage work trucks. You can report online in the Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance, and Reporting System (TRUCRS) at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/reportinginfo.htm> or with paper forms. The reporting period closes each January 31. You are not eligible to use the option, if your fleet does not meet the minimum PM filter requirements.

**What are the labeling requirements?**

Eligible trucks will need to label with the letters "WT" with white block lettering that is three inches high on a five inch by eight inch black background on each door. The labels must be in clear view at all times. ARB will not issue the label.

**I am already complying with the Low-Mileage Construction Truck Option, how am I affected?**

If you already reported and comply, you do not need to take any action. The trucks that you reported to use the construction truck extension are recognized as eligible for the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option and the "CT" labels that you already have on the doors do not need to be changed.

**Can I claim the Low-Mileage Work Truck Option if my odometer is not functioning?**

No, you cannot claim a mileage based option without a properly functioning odometer. If the odometer does not work you must use a hub-odometer that is non-resettable, has a unique serial number, and has a lock-out feature that permanently prevents tampering. The serial number must be reported if a hub-odometer is used.

**How do I determine compliance if I have several vehicles that use different extensions?**

The Truck and Bus Fleet Calculator is an Excel spreadsheet that you can use on your own computer to help you evaluate various compliance strategies from now until 2023. The calculator allows you to determine compliance with one or more compliance options, including credits, extensions, and special provisions.

**Where can I get more information?**

Fact sheets, compliance tools and regulatory documents about the Truck and Bus Regulation are available at [www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck](http://www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck). If you have questions or wish to obtain this document in an alternative format or language, please call ARB's diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735). TTY/TDD/ Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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